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SUBJECT: 3,000 YONSEI STUDENTS HOLD ORDERLY PROTEST

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1. ON MARCH 27, ESTIMATED THREE THOUSAND STUDENTS HELD MEETING ON YONSEI CAMPUS, BEGINNING AT NOON AND CONTINUING PAST TWO THIRTY P.M. STUDENTS CALLED ON MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO WITHDRAW ITS DECISION TO DISMISS YONSEI'S PRESEDENT AND SUPPORTED UNIVERSITY'S ANNOUNCED INTENT TO REINSTATE STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS WHO HAD BEEN FOUND GUILTY LAST YEAR OF VIOLATING EMERGENCY MEASURES.

2. ACCORDING TO AMERICAN OBSERVERS, CAMPUS LOUDSPEAKERS PLAYED BAGPIPE MUSIC AND STUDENTS SANG "WE SHALL OVERCOME" IN ENGLISH. STUDENTS WERE CALM AND ORDERLY. FOUR POLICE BUSES WERE IN EVIDENCE BUT REMAINED OFF CAMPUS.

3. THIS PROTEST IS LARGEST OBSERVED IN AT LEAST A YEAR. IT FOLLOWS RECENT RALLIES HELD AT SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (MARCH 24) AND SONGKYUNGKWAN
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(MARCH 26) WHICH AVERAGED ROUGHLY ONE THOUSAND

STUDENTS. MOST SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT IN ALL RALLIES
SO FAR HAS BEEN ORDERLY BEHAVIOR OF STUDENTS.
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